

## Department of Corrections

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On March 28, 2019 at 7:37am, inmate Jason Pritchard, 51, was pronounced dead at Anchorage Correctional Complex.

Pritchard was found unresponsive in his cell at just before 7:00 a.m. during breakfast service. Officers and medical staff immediately began performing life saving measures until emergency responders arrived on the scene at 7:07 a.m. Pritchard was pronounced dead at 7:37 a.m. No foul play is suspected.

Pritchard has been in DOC custody since May 7, 2001. He was convicted of 2 counts of Attempted Murder in the First Degree and serving a 99-year sentence.

His death is the first in DOC custody this year.

Next of kin have been notified.

Every prisoner death is reviewed by the Alaska State Troopers and the Medical Examiner's Office. Department records are generally not subject to release because they contain confidential medical, security and personnel information.

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